

WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, April 25, 2006

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Vice-Chairman Spence called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Spence were Board members Messrs. Edwards, Quarles, Lane, Hertzler and Klee. Staff members present were Zoning Administrator Murphy and Secretary Scott.

Consent Agenda

Vice-Chairman Spence explained the consent agenda procedure to the audience stating that if an application is in full compliance with the ***Design Review Guidelines***, it is placed on the consent agenda. If no member of the Board has any question regarding the application and concurs that it is in full compliance with the *Guidelines*, the audience is asked if they are present to discuss any case on the Consent Agenda. If there is no one in the audience present to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda, those applications are approved as submitted and the applicants are then free to leave the meeting.

Applications on tonight's Consent Agenda:

ARB #06-041 CWF/The Blue Talon Bistro/420 Prince George Street – linen storage bin enclosure

ARB #06-043 Brown/8 Canterbury Lane – Exterior Change (window in basement)

SIGN #06-020 Century 21/1101 Richmond Road – Freestanding Sign

Although the Board had no question or comment about the Consent Agenda cases, a member of the audience asked that ARB #06-042: Huelskamp/310 Burns Lane – Storage Shed & Fence, be removed for discussion. The remaining cases on the consent agenda were approved by roll call vote.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Quarles, Lane, Spence, Hertzler, Klee
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Spence, Edwards, Klee (from ARB #06-041)
Absent:	None

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

**ARB #06-038 Patrick Henry Inn & Conference Center/255 & 315 York Street –
Exterior Changes – Approved**

Tom Tingle, Guernsey Tingle Architects, returned to the Board after the proposal was tabled at the last ARB meeting. Because the Board was pleased with the architectural concept, it has not changed from that meeting. However, the material and colors have been changed in response to the Board's comments. He said they have reduced the body colors to two: the base will be Bracken Tenement Biscuit (Martin Senour) and the upper three floors will be Carrington Beige (Benjamin Moore). Trim color will be Elmira White (Benjamin Moore). The first, second and third floors will be painted brick. The fourth floor will be painted a traditional stucco finish. The false mansard roof will be removed. He added that he is presenting some additional trim options for the Board's review, a prefinished metal cornice, a closed cell PVC and molded polyurethane. Mr. Tingle said they would also like to discuss the option of using wood trim for the first floor trim and closed cell PVC for trim above the first floor level where the visible difference between the products is basically imperceptible.

The Board and applicant's representative, Mr. Tingle, discussed options at length:

1. Members of the Board were sympathetic to the challenge presented in trying to improve these structures, yet stay within ***Design Review Guidelines*** specifications.
2. Mr. Edwards made the point that the real sticking point is the location in the AP-1 district. Mr. Lane agreed that his reluctance to approve synthetic material is not the appearance but just using something other than natural in this district. They look the same so can't really argue on the base of appearance. Mr. Hertzler agreed saying that he believes in good materials, but that in this case he cannot see the difference.
3. Mr. Spence said that when the Board was working on the AP-1 district in the Guidelines, this was one area they did not have in mind, and although the hotel is within view of the Colonial Williamsburg property, they thought of neighborhoods such as Pollard Park.
4. Mr. Klee noted that the property is not on the National Register so the listing would not be compromised, it is not 50 years old or older, and because it is uniquely situated, an exception in this case would not set a precedent. Mr. Lane said he believes there will still be a lot of requests to follow this lead. He stated he believes the Health Evaluation Center will want PVC trim also.
5. Mrs. Murphy said the Board would need to be very specific as to why the Board did not adhere to the *Guidelines*, but you can't think of every situation that might arise. She noted the process to change the *Guidelines*.
6. Reviewing the approval criteria in the Guidelines, Mr. Quarles noted that the Board does have some discretion and flexibility.

Mr. Klee moved that the request for proposed exterior alterations to Patrick Henry Inn, Inc. be approved as submitted based on the fact that the structures are less than 50 years old and the proposal represents an aesthetic improvement. Mr. Hertzler seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 4-2.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Quarles, Hertzler, Klee
Nay:	Lane, Spence
Absent:	None

ARB #06-042 Huelskamp/310 Burns Lane – Storage Shed & Fence – Approved

Owner Joli Huelskamp stated that her proposal includes a six-foot, dog-eared fence that will be stained a natural color and will enclose about one quarter of the total lot. She also is proposing a 10' x 16' wooden storage shed that will be placed inside the fence.

Vice-Chairman Spence opened the public hearing and Jack Brendle, 311 Burns Lane the home directly across the street from Ms. Huelskamp, said he does not want the shed in his front yard, and would like clarification from Ms. Huelskamp on its location. Ms. Huelskamp and Mr. Brendle reviewed her plans and Mr. Brendle was satisfied with the location. Mrs. Murphy said the roof line will probably be seen from the street since it is more than six feet high.

Mr. Klee moved that the application for a fence and storage shed be approved. Mr. Hertzler seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Quarles, Hertzler, Klee, Lane, Spence
Nay:	None
Absent:	None

SIGNS

SIGN #06-021 Discount Ticket Headquarters/1675 Richmond Road – Mounument (face replacement) and Building mounted signs.

Ray Wright, owner of Wright Signs, was present representing the client. Mrs. Murphy introduced the request for a sign face replacement in the monument sign which will have three fonts with a white background, Raleigh Tavern Chinese red and vivid blue colors and two fonts with the same colors for the building mounted sign. She stated upon review, staff recommends an opaque background and two fonts for each of the signs. Mr. Wright stated that his only concern is that the man on the sign light up at night, and Mrs. Murphy confirmed that would be no problem.

Mr. Klee moved that the proposal for sign face replacements be approved with the stipulation that the background be opaque, only two fonts used and the two circular logos depicting men can be illuminated.

Mr. Quarles seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Quarles, Lane, Spence, Hertzler, Klee
Nay:	None
Absent:	None

OTHER

Minutes for April 11, 2006

The minutes for the April 11, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted viva voce.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Hugh Williams, former Chairman of the ARB, has resigned from the Board and the position has been advertised. Ms. Murphy opened the floor for nominations of Chairman. Mr. Klee made a motion seconded by Mr. Edwards to nominate Mr. Spence for Chairman. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Spence opened the floor for nominations of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Klee made a motion seconded by Mr. Hertzler to nominate Mr. Quarles for Vice-Chairman. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Board Observations

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Donna Dee Scott
Secretary